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GOVERNOR ANNOUNCES VOLUNTEER SERVICE AWARD WINNERS

PHOENIX – Governor Janet Napolitano and the Governor’s Commission on Service and Volunteerism announced the winners of the 7th Annual Volunteer Service Awards. Ten recipients will be honored with the award, which is considered to be the highest volunteer award in the state.

The Volunteer Service Awards were established in 2002 to recognize and thank Arizonans who have given their time and talents to help solve social problems. The Commission received over 120 nominations from around the state. Each of the individuals and groups nominated for an award demonstrated exceptional service to communities throughout Arizona last year.

“Whether young or old, an individual or part of a group, volunteers are coming together to serve, building stronger families and stronger communities and these Volunteer Service Award recipients exemplify Arizona’s best,” said Governor Napolitano. “I’m grateful for these volunteers and the thousands of others like them who are working together to develop innovative solutions to the issues our communities face.”

A winner was selected in each of 10 categories. A panel of statewide judges selected the recipients based on need, action, innovation and impact. The winners will be honored at a luncheon hosted by the Governor’s Commission on Service and Volunteerism at the Capitol on April 30, 2008.

Sponsors of the Governor’s Volunteer Service Awards include SCF Arizona and a number of other businesses and organizations that are ardent supporters of volunteerism in Arizona.

The winners of the 2007 Governor’s Volunteer Service Awards are:

Youth Category

- Anne Jaffe (Mesa)

Youth Group Category

- CAVIT School District (Casa Grande)

Adult Category

- John "Jack" Melvin (Tucson)

Adult Group Category

- In-Home Safety Specialists of Rebuilding Together Valley of the Sun (Tempe)

Large Business Category

- Tucson Electric Power Co. (Tucson)

Small Business Category

- Douglas and Naco Stations, United States Border Patrol (Douglas)

National Service Category

- Paula Stone, AmeriCorps Vista (Phoenix)

Nonprofit

- Hospice of the Valley (Phoenix)

Lifetime Achievement

- Patricia Lapan (Tucson)

Service-Learning Category

- Bill Suedmeyer (Dewey)

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